



Student Society Spotlight

**University of Louisiana at Monroe College of Pharmacy
Monroe, Louisiana**

Years achieved ASHP/SSHP Recognition: 2008-09 and 2009-10

Number of Members in SSHP: 42



Significant/Unique Activities or Accomplishments

Membership Drive

In fall of 2008, the ULM LSHP student chapter hosted a membership drive along with all the other professional organizations at the ULM College of Pharmacy to recruit for our school and state chapter of LSHP along with ASHP.

Residency Information Programs

During the spring semester of 2009, the ULM LSHP student chapter held a professional development at which two faculty members presented their experiences during their residencies. Also, they informed the members of the criteria necessary to apply for a residency and which qualifications were needed to stand out among applicants. The members were also informed of the MATCH program and the various avenues of assistance that ASHP provides for those students interested in pursuing a residency.

Clinical Skills Competition

The ULM College of Pharmacy's Clinical Skills Competition was held in October 2008 and featured an asthma case study. Our winning pair was Beejal Shah and Cain Doucet (now graduates) and they represented us at ASHP's Midyear Clinical Meeting in Orlando, FL.

Health-System Speakers Bureau

Our theme for 2008-2009 was "emergency preparedness" because of the unspeakable events that had recently taken place in our state. In order to really "drive home" our stance, we were lucky enough to have a state leader

in emergency preparedness come and speak to our organizational members about the importance of emergency preparedness. He also explained how students and healthcare professionals can become more involved with disaster relief.

We were also very fortunate to have pharmacists from Cardinal Health come and speak to us about careers available in the health-systems branch of pharmacy and also about the new and exciting techniques and technology that are being implemented in today's hospitals across the nation that are helping to save more lives.

Fund-raisers

In order to raise money for our chapter, we sold fleece pull-over jackets to pharmacy students in conjunction with APhA-ASP. This coming year we will be selling t-shirts, window decals and prints with a "fleur-de-pharm" design that encompasses various aspects of pharmacy.

Career or Professional Development Projects

Our chapter decided that in order to advance pharmacist's role in the healthcare setting, that we needed to start with student pharmacists. We decided to host an asthma awareness seminar in which two students gave a presentation on asthma, as well as the proper usage of the many inhalers that are available to treat the disease. The seminar was very helpful to students and our goal was that they would carry this information with them into the healthcare setting and hopefully pass it along to others. Our other professional development activities featured our emergency preparedness, hospital pharmacy, and residency speakers.

Advice for Other SSHPs

Our student chapter has been very active with the state affiliate, and as a result, we have received much support from the Louisiana Society of Health System Pharmacists. LSHP hosts a student track for those attending the annual meeting, which targets specific topics of interest to current students. Working with the state organization has been beneficial to our students due to many networking opportunities along with entertaining educational sessions. The state affiliate has also helped us obtain speakers for our chapter meetings. We advise that other SSHP's incorporate their state affiliates as much as possible into their student chapter activities, as the state organizations have access to many resources that we, as students, may not.

Future Plans/Goals

This year we have decided to follow a poison control theme. In the fall, we will host director of the Louisiana Poison Control Center and we will be visiting elementary schools to speak about what constitutes a "good drug" or a "bad drug" in relation to common household items. Lastly, for the fall, we will be hosting a guest speaker who will inform our chapter of his infectious disease residency and the residency search process. In the spring, we plan on having another residency informational session and possibly visiting long term care facilities to educate them on their individual medications.

Names and Titles of Student Leaders

Monica Morgan – President
Julie Sheridan – President-elect
Victoria Williams – Vice President
Breanne Peyton – Secretary
Eva Denise Ghaedi – Treasurer

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